

AUGUST

Shabbos 16 At 4:30 p.m., the Young Israel of Queens Valley will present a *shiur* by **Rabbi Aaron Pessin on the topic "Doctor-Patient Relationships in Halachah."** Men and women are invited.

At 5:35 p.m., the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills will hold the next lecture in its summer series. **Rabbi Jay Hill will speak on the topic, "It's Not About Kashrus."** Men and women are invited. In the Beis Midrash. At 6:35 p.m., Rabbi Hill's lecture will be followed by a talk by Reb Yehoshua Konig about his experience serving in the Israeli Army last month. That talk will be held in the Main Shul and will be followed by *Minchah* at 7:25 p.m.

Sunday 17 From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Kosher Chef Productions will hold a **Shidduch and Shadchan Barbecue Event** for all Yeshivish Orthodox and Modern Orthodox singles, ages 20-28, 29-40, and 41 and up. Separate groups for younger and older singles. In the Hershkowitz backyard, 4 Wayne Road, New Hempstead. \$26 early online, \$36 online registration, \$48 at event. For more information, please contact *KosherChefProductions@gmail.com*. If you are a *shadchan*

and you want to attend this event, please call 845-397-7271.

Wednesday 20 At 7:00 p.m., the Queens Jewish Community Council will present a **free concert of Jewish Music Under the Stars featuring Zalmen Mlotek's Magical World Of Yiddish Song** with Eleanor Reissa, Robert Abelson, Avram Pengas, and an all-star Klezmer band in Cunningham Park (Union Turnpike & 196th Street, Hillcrest). Bring your own chair or blanket.

Shabbos 23 At 4:30 p.m., the Young Israel of Queens Valley will present a *shiur* by **Rabbi Aaron Pessin on the topic "Can We Benefit from Miracles?"** Men and women are invited.

At 5:30 p.m., the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills will hold the final lecture in its summer series. **Dr. David Levenson will speak on the topic, "T'kias Shofar: a Blow-by-Blow Description."** Men and women are invited. In the Beis Midrash.

Wednesday 27 At 7:00 p.m., the Queens Jewish Community Council will present a **free concert of Jewish Music Under**

the Stars featuring Bukharian/International Festival, starring the Albert Narkolayev Orchestra and Singers. In Cunningham Park (Union Turnpike & 196th Street, Hillcrest). Bring your own chair or blanket.

SEPTEMBER

Monday 15 **Chazaq will hold its Second Annual Dinner** at Leonard's of Great Neck (555 Northern Boulevard, Great Neck). \$180 per person. For more information, please contact 718-285-9132, 917-617-3636, or 646-541-6833.

Wednesday 24 **Wednesday-Shabbos 24-27**
The Jewish Heritage Center of Queens and Long Island will hold its Rosh HaShanah Hotel Program. Details to follow.

OCTOBER

Friday 3 **Friday-Shabbos 3-4**
The Jewish Heritage Center of Queens and Long Island will hold its Yom Kippur Hotel Program. Details to follow.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 16 Shevach High School will hold an open house.

DECEMBER

Shabbos 13 The Jewish Heritage Center of Queens and Long Island will hold its Annual Chinese Auction. Details to follow.



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Jewish Communal Fund Grants \$100,000 To The Israel Trauma Coalition; Fund Holders Grant \$1.1 Million To Israel charities

The Jewish Communal Fund (JCF), the largest Jewish donor advised fund in the country, announced today that it was making an emergency grant of \$100,000 to the Israel Trauma Coalition from its Special Gifts Fund, JCF's institutional endowment.

The Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC), which was created by UJA-Federation of New York in 2001, brings together more than 40 organizations in Israel to help individuals and communities cope with the psychological stress from the unrelenting violence. ITC offers crisis counseling and support for those suffering from post-traumatic stress. During the current conflict, ITC has seen a 1,300-percent increase in requests for help as more Israelis are living under a barrage of rocket attacks.

"As the largest network of Jewish funders in the country, we felt that it was our responsibility to act swiftly to provide psychological counseling to those who are suffering from crippling anxiety

and fear as a result of the constant threat of rocket fire," said Susan F. Dickman, Executive Vice President and CEO of Jewish Communal Fund. "We mourn the loss of innocent life on both sides and pray for a peaceful resolution."

During the past month, as more than 2,000 rockets have been fired from Gaza into Israel, ITC has provided more than 2,000 sessions to people with anxiety, 400 sessions for families, and its staff and volunteers have answered more than 1,500 calls a day on its emergency hotlines.

"UJA-Federation and the Israel Trauma Coalition are incredibly grateful for the recent grant from the Jewish Communal Fund," said Alisa Rubin Kurshan, Ph.D., Sr. Vice President, Strategic Planning & Organizational Resources at UJA-Federation of New York. "Created by UJA-Federation of New York in 2001, the Israel Trauma Coalition is on the front lines responding to violence and trauma, helping tens of thousands individuals and commu-

nities cope with unrelenting violence. This generous gift will go a long way in supporting the work of ITC and reiterates what we know to be true: New York stands with Israel."

The Eshkol Resilience Center, one of ITC's five Resilience Centers located near the Gaza border, has treated over 450 people suffering from anxiety and post-traumatic stress, and supported parents, children, and staff of all 32 villages and kibbutzim in the Eshkol Region.

"ITC's mission is to keep people together - so that our spirit doesn't break," wrote Talia Levanon, the Director of ITC, in a recent dispatch to supporters. "All teams are working day and night to keep these communities going. They are the core of a resilient Israel. We need to keep them safe and strong."

In addition to JCF's institutional grant, JCF fund holders have generously made 325 grants of more than \$1.1 million to a variety of charities that are helping the people of Israel during this difficult time,

including UJA-Federation of New York's Israel Emergency Fund.

Since 1999, the JCF Special Gifts Fund has granted more than \$10 million to more than a dozen worthy causes in the Jewish community here in New York and abroad. Recent grants include \$300,000 to help construct MJHS's Children's Hospice, the first of its kind in New York City, and \$250,000 to the UJA-Federation of New York's Enhanced Support Services for Jewish Single-Parent Families Initiative.

A leader in the world of Jewish philanthropy, JCF continues to be the largest and most active Jewish donor advised fund in the country with over \$1.2 billion in charitable assets under management. In FY 2014, JCF distributed a record \$329 million in grants to charities in all sectors, representing 27 percent of assets, well above the industry average. JCF's donor advised funds make giving easy, flexible and efficient. Learn more at www.jcfny.org or by calling 212.752.8277.